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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed May 21, 1998. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. references that are listed in form PTO-1449:

PCT Application No. PCT/IB96/00618 International Search Report and publication cover page; European Patent No. 0 556 705; European Patent No. 0 709 065; German Patent No. 42 33 467; and German Patent No. 41 26 608.

The following references were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 08/533,891, filed 9/26/95. Accordingly, copies of the following references have not been submitted herewith. (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).

United States Patent No. 3,601,126; United States Patent No. 3,913,583; United States Patent No. 3,964,487; United States Patent No. 3,980,085; United States Patent No. 4,092,986; United States Patent No. 4,126,137; United States Patent No. 4,188,927 United States Patent No. 4,658,819; United States Patent No. 4,727,874; and United States Patent No. 4,961,047.

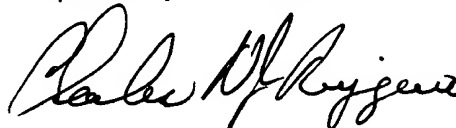
It is applicants' belief that none of the above U.S. patents describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents and/or articles that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patents and articles and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the continuation application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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